

Weddings Shaw-Picka



J.J. and Barbara Shaw

Barbara Picka, daughter of Edward and Grace Picka of New Prague, Minnesota, and J.J. Shaw, son John Shaw of Condon and Linda Shaw of Heppner, were married on June 24 at Minnehaha Falls, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Music was by Ron and LaNaye Pearson, aunt and uncle of groom.

The bride was escorted by her father, and attended by her four sisters, Margaret Paradise as matron of honor, Kathy Picka as maid of honor, Patty Peterson and Betty Picka as bridesmaids. Wade Stufft, best man, and Clint Michael, a groomsman, attended the groom. Joey Paradise, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer, and Ed and Bill Picka, brothers of bride, were ushers. Tracy Ableidinger and Michele Miron were personal attendants.

The bride wore Linda Shaw's wedding gown of candlelight satin; the gown and veil were both made by Linda. The bride carried pale peach and ivory lilies from her mother's garden.

The bride's attendants wore gowns with silver metallic tops and silver sheer fabric skirts. They carried bright yellow lilies from the gardens of Margaret Paradise and Marcie Turek, grandmother of bride.

A reception, dinner and dance were held at the Minnesota Zoo. The Jaztronauts Swing Band, were the band for the evening.

Following a wedding trip to the Seychelles, in the Indian Ocean, the couple will reside in Savage, Minnesota.

The bride graduated from Mankato State University and is employed as a math instructor at Northwest Technical Institute in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. The groom is a graduate of the University of Idaho and is employed as a project engineer at Thermo King in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Luella Skillings PMNH resident of the month



Luella Skillings
By Pennie Miller

Luella Skillings, the October Resident of the Month at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home (PMNH) in Heppner, was born to Charles and Bertha Carper at Promise, OR., where she was raised with her brothers and sisters on a farm. After school, she worked at a laundry and cleaners during WWII.

She married Issac Skillings and became a homemaker, raising six children--three daughters and three sons. Luella and Issac moved to Wallowa in June 1975.

She later moved to Pendleton, living at Oregon Trail Manor, and then at Elizabethan Manor for five years.

In 1998, Luella came to live in Heppner at PMNH to be closer to her daughter, Verna Murde. Luella has seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She enjoys outings, watching TV and listening to music. "We are truly blessed to have Luella as part of our family," said Pennie Miller at PMNH.

Small business workshop offered

The Blue Mountain Community College Small Business Development Center is offering two workshops in the area.

Introduction to Business Ownership is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 19, from 6-9 p.m. at the Morrow County School District office in Lexington. This class offers the fundamentals for starting a business. Some topics covered include choosing the type of business organization, marketing, taxes and financial information.

Cost of the class is \$29. Contact Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator for South Morrow County, 422-7040, to pre-register or for more information.



Off The Wall

By Marilyn Robinson

Bang, Boom! Like a "shoot 'em up" television program, it's now the for-real hunting season. A good precaution would be to tie orange ribbons on domestic animals. Be sure to duck if bullets sound like they're hitting the house.

Without a license, I opened the season early. It wasn't easy since I don't have a bow and arrow and all the guns seemed to be missing at the moment. With the aid of a rock and wielding a shovel, I managed to sneak up on a prickly porcupine in the horse pasture and lay him to rest. However that bravado doesn't surface when it comes to close encounters with the skunks and raccoons that we have been enjoying the cat food and garden produce late at night.

After reading various letters to the editors about loss of hunting acres due to fee hunting on private lands, maybe there are some alternatives. Perhaps some local cattle ranches could turn their places into working guest ranches, allowing these uneducated hands to also hunt. Guests could help gather cows, wean calves and of course, put cattle through the chute for routine vaccinations and pregnancy testing. Ranchers could assure guests that the green stuff acquired while pushing cows up a chute is good for the complexion, giving pasty-white faces an "outdoorsy" look. Too, if there are some acquired black and blue bruises during the process those marks are considered merit badges.

Forget guest houses or RV accommodations. Ranchers could pitch a few tents so guests could have the experience of "roughing it." A hot tub might be an added attraction for soaking buns after a long day in the saddle. Guests will surely want to dress and skin their own game so they can savor that accomplishment. As to meals, ranch women are accustomed to cooking for a crew on the spur of a moment just by adding another bone to the stew pot.

Judging from the way that Mary and Carleen West can come up with enough food for an army at branding time, they could give camp cooks some tips.

Picture mealtime while rallying around a campfire of worn-out creosote-smelling fence posts enhanced with some sagebrush for ambiance. Guests won't know that good tamarack wood is saved for winter warmth after busting ice and pitching out hay for livestock and wildlife. Another option would be to exchange hunting privileges for someone hankering for such a 'cool' wintertime experience.

For those that have no desire to fork a horse, there are plenty of other ranch chores to delight guests. Aside from feeding animals and mucking out barns, there's usually irrigation pipes to be moved. The more industrious helpers could repair miles of barbed-wire fences often torn down by publicly-owned game animals that get their share of a ranch's forage and hay. Just keeping the gates shut, left open by hunters, could keep a jogger in a lather. Of course when cattle find those open escape routes, it does offer additional gathering adventures.

As to other entertainment for guests, there must be local talented musicians who could find time after a day's work to drum up a musical fest. Why not offer prizes for the most colorful cowboy tales or hunting stories. Shucks, city folks might even enjoy some target practice, providing there is a very large vacant area for setting up targets and the cats and dogs are safely locked up.

Thankfully, those lost Canadian truckers with huge flatbed trailers who blundered around our county roads looking for the long-abandoned oil drilling site made their way here before the season opened. Hopefully they found their way out of the boondocks and returned to Edmonton. Once the hunting seasons open, it's not the time to be in a hurry to go somewhere in a vehicle. Road hunters are not unlike the pheasants and deer who seem to enjoy a game of chicken against everyday motorists. They are just as unpredictable as these nocturnal 'coons' that I wish would end up smothered in grits on some southerner's plate.

2001 MS Walk set for April 21



Left to right: Monique Devin, Bob DeSpain, Susan Thompson and Emily Thompson.

April 21, is the date for the 2001 MS Walk.

"Everyone did such a good job this year and we expect an even better time in the year 2001 so get ready," said chairman Merilee Mc Dowell. "We raised more money this year than ever before."

This year, Heppner had 81 walkers and raised a total of \$7,801. Three walkers made the 2000 Elite Fleet Club which is made up of walkers who raised between \$500-\$999. They are Merilee McDowell, \$785; Janet Greenup, \$523; and Barb

Orwick, \$515.

One of the new additions to the 2000 Walk, which will continue next year, was a pancake/ham breakfast cooked by chef Bob DeSpain and helpers, Aloha DeSpain, Monique Devin, Susan Thompson and Emily Thompson.

"So plan to walk next year and raise money for the fight against multiple sclerosis," urged McDowell.

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Pettyjohns celebrate 50th



Jim and Lola Pettyjohn



The Pettyjohn family: Linda, Nancy, Jim, Lola Ann, Earl and Jerry.

Jim and Lola Ann Pettyjohn of Boardman were honored on Sept. 3 in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. The Pettyjohns were married on Sept. 3, 1950, in Reno, NV. A family reunion was held at their home with their children and extended family members.

Those in attendance were Lola Ann's mother, Ruth McCabe, of Ione, and Linda and Larry Groce of Boardman and Linda's daughter, Amanda McDaniel of Hermiston. Coming from Anchorage, AK, were Earl and Karen Pettyjohn and a family friend, Julie Fawcett. From Oak Harbor, WA, were Nancy and Jim Lancaster and their two daughters, Alicia and Kristy Davis and her husband and their four month old daughter, Charity. From Pendleton were Jerry Pettyjohn and friend Sheryl Bergeron.

Free resume class

Create a new resume or brush up an old one at a free resume class scheduled for Friday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to noon at Heppner Elementary School.

The class offers techniques and strategies for creating a resume that markets skills and helps in obtaining interviews.

Students should come prepared to create a resume and are asked to bring an old resume or a detailed work history.

Class size is limited so pre-registration is required. Contact Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator for South Morrow County, 422-7040, to pre-register or for more information.

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